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SUBJ: IAEA 17TH GENERAL CONFERENCE: PLENARY, MONDAY, SEPT 24, 1973

SUMMARY: CONFERENCE COMPLETED ITS REMAINING BUSINESS MONDAY AND ADJOURNED. IT APPROVED WITHOUT DEBATE OR VOTE $1.6 MILLION SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR 1973, $25 MILLION REGULAR BUDGET FOR 1974, AND WORKING CAPITAL FUND AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TARGET, BOTH UNCHANGED FROM PRESENT LEVELS. IT ELECTED 18 COUNTRIES, INCLUDING CHILE, TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS AND APPOINTED THREE-MAN COMMITTEE TO PREPARE REVISION OF GC RULES OF PROCEDURE WHICH WILL BE CONSIDERED AS MATTER OF PRIORITY AT NEXT GC.

1. AS USUAL, LAST DAY OF IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPEDITIOUSLY HANDLED MAJORITY OF ITEMS ON CONFERENCE AGENDA. THERE WAS NO DEBATE AND NO VOTING (EXCEPT SECRET BALLOT FOR ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS), MOST ITEMS HAVING PREVIOUSLY BEEN DEBATED AND CONSENSUS ACHIEVED IN COMMITTEE. TIME CONSUMED BY SEPT 24 MEETINGS TOTALLY ONLY HOUR AND 40 MINUTES, BUT IT UNFORTUNATELY WAS SPLIT INTO MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSION
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BECAUSE COMMITTEE REPORT ON 1974 BUDGET WAS NOT PRINTED AND

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CIRCULATED UNTIL AFTERNOON. THIS SERVED TO DEMONSTRATE DESIRABILITY OF ONE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN GC RULES WHICH WOULD ABOLISH REQUIREMENT FOR WRITTEN COMMITTEE REPORTS.

2. AGENDA ITEM 12, OPENING DATE OF 18TH GC. APPROVED MONDAY, SEPT 16, 1974. CONSENSUS OF MAJOR PERMANENT MISSIONS, REACHED LAST SPRING, THAT GC SHOULD BEGIN ON MONDAY AFTERNOON HAS BEEN CONVEYED TO SECRETARIAT.

3. AGENDA ITEM 13, BUDGET FOR 1973. APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD AND OF PT&B COMMITTEE (REFTEL) FOR INCREASE OF $1,630,000 IN 1973 REGULAR BUDGET APPROPRIATION, TO NEW TOTAL OF $19,757,000 AND CONSEQUENTIAL SUPPLEMENTARY ASSESSMENT ON MEMBER STATES OF $1,250,000, WHICH WILL BE PAYABLE AT ONCE.

4. AGENDA ITEM 14, BUDGET FOR 1974. APPROVED RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARD AND PT&B COMMITTEE (REFTEL) FOR BUDGET OF $25,064,000 AND ASSESSMENTS ON MEMBERS OF $23,137,000. APPROVED WORKING CAPITAL FUND OF $2 MILLION AND VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TARGET OF $3 MILLION, BOTH UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR.

5. AGENDA ITEM 15, SCALE OF ASSESSMENT FOR 1974. APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY SECRETARIAT (GC(XVIII)/507 AND 507/MOD.1). (CHANGE IN UN SCALE WILL NOT AFFECT IAEA UNTIL 1975 AGENCY SCALE IS CONSIDERED NEXT YEAR.)

6. AGENDA ITEM 16, MARKET SURVEY FOR NUCLEAR POWER IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ADOPTED RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN GC(XVIII)/520, EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR SURVEY JUST COMPLETED BY AGENCY AND REQUESTING IT TO CONTINUE WORK IN THAT FIELD (SEE IAEA VIENNA 7872).

7. AGENDA ITEM 17, ACCOUNTS FOR 1972. APPROVED AS SUBMITTED BY SECRETARIAT AND EXTERNAL AUDITOR (GC(XVII)/504 AND 515).

8. AGENDA ITEM 18, AMENDMENT OF GC RULES OF PROCEDURE. APPROVED REPORT OF A&L COMMITTEE (GC(XVII)/517), EXPRESSING CONSENSUS THAT (A) RULES NEEDED REVISION, (B) TIME AVAILABLE

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AT GC INSUFFICIENT STUDY DRAFT NEW RULES PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT (GC(XVII)/503), (C) WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF THE THREE OFFICERS OF THE A&L COMMITTEE (INDIAN RESREP JAIPAL, JAPANESE RESREP FUJIYAMA, AND FINNISH FONOFF LEGAL EXPERT RICHARD MUELLER) SHOULD ASSIST SECRETARIAT IN REVISING DRAFT RULES, (D) ALL MEMBER STATES WHO WISH TO COMMENT FURTHER ON DRAFT RULES SHOULD CONVEY VIEWS TO DG BY DECEMBER 31, (E) 18TH GC WILL CONSIDER REVISED DRAFT "AS MATTER OF PRIORITY."

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN MAJOR MISSIONS, INCLUDING SOVIETS, HAVE DEFINED "PRIORITY" AS ADOPTION ON OPENING DAY OF NEXT GC, ASSUMING WIDE CONSENSUS ON REVISED DRAFT REACHED IN MEANTIME.

9. GC DID APPROVE ONE AMENDMENT TO ITS RULES AT THIS SESSION (GC(XVII)/517), CHANGING LANGUAGE OF PRESENT RULES 83-88 DEALING WITH ELECTIONS TO BOARD. CHANGE MAKES RULES CONSISTENT WITH RECENTLY AMENDED STATUTE (ARTICLE VI INCREASING SIZE OF BOARD) AND PROVIDES FOR SINGLE BALLOT PAPER INSTEAD OF SEPARATE BALLOT FOR EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION.

10. AGENDA ITEM 19, ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS. SEE SEPTEL.

11. AGENDA ITEM 20, 3)3:589, 9* 3/534,-) -7$8594. AUDITOR GENERAL OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS RE-ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

12. AGENDA ITEM 21, ELECTIONS TO STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE, WAS WITHDRAWN AS NO VACANCIES HAVE OCCURRED.

13. AGENDA ITEM 22, VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO 1974 GENERAL FUND. (GC(XVII)/511/REV 4 SHOWED THAT BY SEPT 21 FORTY-NINE MEMBERS (INCLUDING SEVERAL OF THE RICHEST) HAD PLEDGED A TOTAL OF $1,774,947 AGAINST TARGET OF $3 MILLION. TWENTY-SIX OF THE 49 HAD PLEDGED AT A RATE ABOVE THEIR BASE RATE OF ASSESSMENT FOR REGULAR BUDGET, RANGING FROM A FEW PERCENT ABOVE TO 150 PERCENT ABOVE, FOR A MEAN INCREASE OF NEARLY 30 PERCENT ABOVE BASE RATES. GC PRESIDENT BOSWELL DECLARED THAT THERE WERE "REASONABLE GROUNDS FOR CONFIDENCE THAT ONCE ALL PLEDGES WERE IN, TARGET WOULD BE EXCEEDED FOR FIRST TIME IN AGENCY'S HITORY."

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14. AGENDA ITEM 23, CLOSING OF SESSION. GC ENDED WITH USUAL BRIEF CLOSING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT AND EXPRESSIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR HIS SERVICE BY ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH GEOGRAPHIC REGION (PLUS YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH APPARENTLY DID NOT WISH TO BE REPRESENTED BY POLAND, WHO SPOKE FOR EASTERN EUROPE).PORTER

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